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Classified By: Economic-Political Counselor Gregory E. Phillips. Reason: 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (SBU) EconPolCouns delivered reftel demarche on November 18 to Thomas Hajnoczi, the Austrian MFA's A/S-level Director for Political-Military Affairs.

¶2. (C) Hajnoczi said the importance of the NATO mission in Afghanistan was clear. He noted that the Austrian government had announced on November 17 that it would recommend that parliament authorize the extension of Austria's overseas military missions for another year. This includes authorization for "up to ten" staff officers to participate in ISAF activities in the Kabul area. He said ISAF requirements had called for the actual deployment of four

officers, and he expected this to remain the case in the future.

¶3. (C) Hajnoczi said he would share our points with the government leadership. However, he noted, it was highly unlikely that Austria would increase the level of its commitment, especially in the short term. The current government, which is acting in a caretaker role while Austria's political parties attempt to organize a new government, had only been able to win approval for larger missions on a temporary basis (such as last Fall, when Austria sent almost 100 troops to provide security for the elections). It will not be able to undertake such an initiative in its caretaker role. One could expect a new government to be less likely than the previous one to enhance the Austrian military presence in Afghanistan, he said.

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